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Special Announcements

Call for Grant Writers. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* maintains a roster of grant writers to assist District agencies in pursuing federal grant opportunities. We are in the process of updating the current roster. If you are interested in being considered for grant writing opportunities with District agencies, please contact Marlene Jefferson at (202) 727-8900 or marlene.jefferson@dc.gov.

Call for Nonprofit Coaches. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* is recruiting leaders from the nonprofit, business, foundation and government sectors to volunteer as coaches for nonprofit leaders participating in its 2005 Strengthening Partners Initiative (SPI) class. Each participating nonprofit executive is matched with a coach, who provides mentoring and strategic assistance in areas of interest such as management, fundraising, board development, and policy development. This is a great opportunity for interested individuals to share their expertise. For more information, contact Pat Henry at (202) 727-8900 or pat.henry@dc.gov; or go to: <http://opgd.dc.gov>.

Federal Opportunities

Adolescent Family Life Demonstration Projects. *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)* announces funds to establish innovative, comprehensive and integrated approaches to the delivery of care services for pregnant adolescents and adolescent parents under 19 years of age at program entry, with primary emphasis on unmarried

adolescents who are 17 years old or younger. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, special district governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, and public housing authorities. The deadline for applications is April 4, 2005. Approximately \$5 million is available to fund 20 awards, ranging from \$175,000-\$375,000. For further information, contact OPHS FedGrants Admin at (301) 594-4001 or OPHSFGAdm@osophs.dhhs.gov; or go to: <http://opa.osophs.dhhs.gov>.

Community Food Projects Competitive Grants Program. *The Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES)* announces funds to increase the food self-reliance of communities; promote comprehensive responses to local food, farm and nutrition issues; develop innovative linkages between the public, for-profit, and nonprofit food sectors; and encourage long-term planning activities and comprehensive multi-agency approaches. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, and others. The deadline for applications is March 30, 2005. Approximately \$44.6 million is available to fund 20 awards. For further information, go to: http://www.csrees.usda.gov/funding/rfas/community_foods.html.

Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program. *The Department of Education (DOED)* announces funds to expand education opportunities for, and improve the academic attainment of, Hispanic students and to expand and enhance their academic offerings, program quality, and institutional

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stability. Eligible applicants include institutions of higher education that qualify as eligible Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) – see NOFA for more details. The deadline for applications is March 21, 2005. Approximately \$26.6 million is available to fund 51 awards, ranging from \$475,000-\$700,000. For further information, contact J. Alexander Hamilton at (202) 502-7583 or

Josephine.Hamilton@ed.gov; or go to:
<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/E5-412.htm>.

Excellence in Economic Education Program. *The Department of Education (DOED)* announces funds to promote economic and financial literacy among all students in kindergarten through grade 12 through an educational organization that has as its primary purpose the improvement of the quality of student understanding of personal finance and economics. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is March 23, 2005. Approximately \$1.5 million is available to fund one award. For further information, contact Tonja Lark at (202) 245-616 or tonja.lark@ed.gov; or go to:
<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/pdf/05-1650.pdf>.

Family Planning Services Grants. *The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)* announces funds to establish and operate voluntary family planning services projects, which shall provide family planning services to all persons desiring such services. Family planning services include: clinical family planning and related preventive health services; information, education, and counseling related to family planning, including abstinence education; and referral services as indicated. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, public housing authorities, private institutions of higher education, and individuals. The deadline for applications is June 1, 2005. Approximately \$47 million is available to fund 20 awards, ranging from \$99,000-\$9.6 million. For further information, contact OPHS FedGrants Admin at (301) 594-4001 or
OPHSFGAdm@osophs.dhhs.gov; or go to:
<http://opa.osophs.dhhs.gov>.

Fiscal Year 2005 Food Stamp Participation Grants. *The Department of Agriculture (USDA)* announces funds to support innovation and organizational change. Eligible applicants include county governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofit organizations, and others. The deadline for applications is April 26, 2005. Approximately \$5 million is available to fund 50 awards. For further information, contact Lynn Rodgers at (703) 305-2760 or lynn.rodgers@fns.usda.gov; or go to:
<http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/government/grants/default.htm>.

Opera Initiative to Military Bases. *The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)* announces funds to bring the best of American arts and culture to a military audience. This initiative will connect opera companies across the country with military personnel and their families through performances at military installations. The successful recipient shall work closely with the NEA to ensure the success of this initiative by providing assistance with its educational and promotional efforts as well as by coordinating the logistics of performances. Eligible applicants include state governments and nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is March 2, 2005. Approximately \$109,000 is available to fund one award. For further information, contact William Hummel, Contracts Specialist, at (202) 682-5417 or hummelw@arts.endow.gov; or go to:
<http://www.arts.gov/grants/apply/RFP/Opera.html>.

Projects With Industry. *The Department of Education (DOED)* announces funds to create and expand job and career opportunities for individuals with disabilities in the competitive labor market by engaging the talent and leadership of private industry as partners in the rehabilitation process. Eligible applicants include state governments, nonprofit organizations, for-profit organizations other than small businesses, and others. The deadline for applications is March 21, 2005. Approximately \$19.6 million is available to fund 77 awards, ranging from \$200,000-\$300,000. For further information, contact Kerrie Brown at (202) 245-7281 or
Kerrie.brown@ed.gov; or go to:
<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/01jan20051800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2005/E5-415.htm>.

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National Youth Service Day. *Serve DC*, in partnership with the *Freddie Mac Foundation*, is offering grants to support community service projects organized for National Youth Service Day 2005, April 15-17, a weekend of service focused on the contributions of youth in the community. Eligible applicants include nonprofits, schools or universities, community groups, faith-based organizations, corporations, government agencies, and public organizations. The deadline for applications is March 4, 2005. Grants worth up to \$750 will be awarded. For further information, contact Kristin Yochum at (202) 727-8006; or go to: www.serve.dc.gov.

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, select District Grants Clearinghouse.

The Energy Office (DCEO), Renewable Energy Demonstration Project (REDP), February 25, 2005.

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Public Safety and Justice (ODMPSJ)/Office of Homeland Security (OHS), National Capital Region Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Program, March 1, 2005, at 5:00 p.m.

The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (CAH), Small Projects Program (SPP), March 3 and June 2, 2005.

The DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (CAH), DC Main Street Arts Initiative, March 3, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS)/State Education Agency (SEA), FY 2005 Mathematics and Science Partnerships Grant Program, March 10, 2005, at 4:00 p.m.

The State Education Office (SEO), FY 2005 Teacher Quality Improvement Grant Program, March 17, 2005, at 4:00 p.m.

The Office of the Secretary (OS), Escheated Estates, March 25, June 24, September 23, and December 22, 2005.

The DC Commission on the Arts & Humanities (CAH), Folk & Traditional Arts Mini Grants, April 7, 2005.

The Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP), applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Foundation Opportunities

Community Gardens. *Fiskars Garden & Outdoor Living* offers grants for neighborhood beautification and horticultural education through its Project Orange Thumb. Eligible applicants include members of community garden groups. The deadline for online applications is February 18, 2005. A total of thirty grants are available and include the following: between \$500-\$1,000 in Fiskars Garden tools; Fiskars Project Orange Thumb t-shirts for volunteers; and between \$250-\$500 in seeds, plants, or other supplies. For further information, go to: http://www.fiskars.com/en_US/garden/resources/orangeThumbMain.do.

Greenways. *The Kodak American Greenways Awards Program*, a partnership project of the *Eastman Kodak Company*, *The Conservation Fund*, and the *National Geographic Society*, provides small grants to stimulate the planning and design of greenways in communities throughout the U.S. Grants can be used for all appropriate expenses needed to complete a greenway project including planning, technical assistance, legal and other costs. Eligible applicants include local, regional, or statewide nonprofit organizations. Although public agencies may apply, community organizations will receive preference. The deadline for applications is June 1, 2005. Applications will only be accepted online. The maximum grant is \$2,500; however, most grants range from \$500-\$1,500. For further information and to access the application, go to: <http://www.conservationfund.org/?article=2372>.

HIV/AIDS. *The John M. Lloyd Foundation* supports novel, entrepreneurial projects that have a high

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likelihood of affecting social change with regard to HIV/AIDS. The Foundation has the following funding objectives: to increase funding from public and private sectors to address the HIV/AIDS pandemic, both globally and domestically; to improve domestic and international HIV/AIDS policies; to amplify *global* awareness of HIV/AIDS and to facilitate *broad-based* change in attitudes to reduce stigma and change behavior; and to develop the leadership of organizations that fight HIV/AIDS, as well as to foster collaborations among those organizations and leaders. The deadlines for Concept Letters are August 15 and December 15, 2005. Grants range up to \$20,000. For further information, go to: http://www.johnmllloyd.org/jml_home.html.

Music Education. *The Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation (MHOFF)* supports music education and its many benefits through the donation and repair of musical instruments to under-served schools and community music program. Eligible applicants include K-12 school music programs for the Melody Program and community schools of the arts, after school programs and youth orchestras for the Special Projects Program. There are no deadlines for applications. MHOFF does not make cash awards. Grants of repairs and new instruments typically range between \$500-\$5,000 in retail value. For further information and to access the application, contact MHOFF at (818) 784-6787, (818) 784-6788-fax, or info@mhopus.org; or go to: <http://www.mhopus.org/default.htm>.

Nutrition and Hunger. *The National Gardening Association and Gardener's Supply Company* provide Healthy Sprout Award grants to schools and community organizations that use gardens to teach about nutrition and explore the issue of hunger in the U.S. Eligible applicants include schools and community organizations. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2005. Approximately 25 grants are available. For further information and to access the application, go to: <http://www.kidsgardening.com/awards.asp>.

Playgrounds. *KaBOOM!* is conducting outreach to locate potential Community Partners in cities and towns all across North America for playgrounds to be built in 2005. Ideal Community Partner candidates should serve children from low-income or disadvantaged backgrounds; own and provide land

for the playground; agree to own, insure, and maintain the playground for the lifetime of the playground; be able to raise and contribute up to \$10,000 cash toward the cost of equipment; and have the ability to recruit volunteers to participate in planning committees and to help build the playground. Eligible applicants are usually child-serving, nonprofit organizations but could be community development organizations, neighborhood coalitions, charter schools, or any organization that can mobilize a volunteer force and is in need of a playground. For further information, go to: <http://www.kaboom.org/nooz.aspx?id=452>.

Youth Education and Health. *The Tommy Hilfiger Corporate Foundation (THCF)* was established to help empower America's youth. The goal of the Foundation is to be a major force in improving education by focusing on preparing students for the demands of today's global society. In addition, the Foundation is committed to investing in health-related organizations and cultural programs that impact a diverse population of youth. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadlines for applications are April 1 and October 1, 2005. For further information, go to: <http://www.tommy.com/info/foundation.jsp#grant>.

Resources & Announcements

Adult Literacy Education Wiki. *LiteracyTent.org* offers the Adult Literacy Education Wiki, an extensive set of dialogue texts and related resources regarding adult literacy. This is a place for announcements related to research and practice, including: events of interest, such as conferences, preconferences, online teleconferences or videoconferences; new publications; and other information of use to this community. To create a free log-in account, go to: <http://wiki.literacytent.org/index.php/Special:Userlogin>.

Advocacy Rights: Dos and Don'ts for Nonprofits. *The Foundation Center - Washington, DC* will host an InfoBreakfast session on advocacy rights of nonprofit organizations. The speaker will be Sheri A. Brady, J.D., Public Policy Director, National Council of Nonprofit Associations. The session will take place on February 10, 8:45 a.m.-10:00 a.m., at the Foundation Center, 1627 K Street, NW, Washington,

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DC. There is no fee, but space is limited and advance registration is required. To register, call (202) 331-1400 or go to:
<http://fdncenter.org/washington/infobrkd.html>.

Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC).

The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD) provides assistance to nonprofit and government representatives through a resource center at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200 South. The primary focus of the GIRC is to assist emerging and small nonprofits that either lack computer access or the knowledge to best use their existing computer technology to identify grant, capacity building, and other related resource information online. Featured in the GIRC are four workstations with funding research databases and access to the Internet. The Center also has a small library of printed materials. Access to the GIRC is free of charge but requires an appointment. Call (202) 727-8900 to schedule an appointment.

Grantseeking Training Program. *The Foundation Center - Washington D.C., in cooperation with the Mayor's Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA), Chinatown Service Center, and Youngberg & Associates,* invites you to a grantseeker training program. Participants will learn to: search the Foundation Center's database of 80,000 grantmakers and 50,000 grants; identify potential funders for your nonprofit; and use the Foundation Center's Library Learning Center. This session will take place on February 8, 2005, 6:30-8:00 p.m., at the Chinatown Service Center, 900 Massachusetts Avenue, NW (inside the Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church), 4th floor, Washington, DC. Free parking is available in the lot behind the church (access through K Street from 9th Street). This event is also accessible by Metro (Gallery Place or Metro Center). This program is free, but space is limited. Please respond by February 7 to OAPIA at (202) 727-3120 or dory.peters@dc.gov.

New Grant Support Organization. *The National Grants Partnership (NGP)* is a cooperative initiative among Federal officials, representatives of state, local and tribal governments; their executive branch grants offices; and nonprofit organizations. Its mission is to foster a partnership among state, local, and tribal government and nonprofit stakeholders and Federal grant-making agencies to improve

effectiveness of use of grant funds and reduce burdens associated with grants administration. To accomplish this mission, the NGP is pursuing a number of specific projects and activities on behalf of - and providing leadership and support to - state, local and tribal governments and nonprofit organizations on issues relating to grants administration and management. The next meeting of the NGP will be February 16, 2005, 10:00 a.m.-noon, at the Urban Institute, 2100 M Street, N.W., 5th Floor, Washington, DC. For further information, contact NGP at TheNGP@AOL.com; or go to: www.TheNGP.org.

Nonprofits Invited to Comment on Charity

Reform. *Independent Sector (IS)* convened an expert panel to develop recommendations for charity reform, as requested by the Senate Finance Committee. IS posted the results of their efforts on the Web and is accepting nonprofit comment on the proposals through February 18. The panel's preliminary report to the Senate Finance Committee will be delivered in early March. To review the recommendations, access the on-line comment form, or obtain more information on the expert panel and work groups, go to:
www.nonprofitpanel.org/workgrouprecs/.

Technical Assistance Providers for Nonprofits.

The Foundation Center - Washington, DC maintains a resource list of many associations, service organizations, and technical assistance providers in the Washington, DC area. Topics covered include: service associations and organizations; legal services; consulting and training resources; academic programs; computer technology; volunteers; additional funding resources; and arts funding information. To access this list, go to:
http://fdncenter.org/washington/dc_commres.html;jsessionid=BZW5VG5CHL43OP5QALTCGXD5AAAACI2F.

Planned Giving Training. *Blackbaud* will offer a free online seminar devoted to taking the mystery out of planned giving. Lawrence Henze, managing director of Blackbaud Analytics, will present information on the following topics: the number one myth about planned gifts; the kind of gift you should avoid asking for when working towards a planned gift; four characteristics to look for in a planned gift prospect; the definition of the "ultimate gift" and how

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you can steer your prospects toward theirs; five specific suggestions for marketing planned gifts; and more. The session will take place on February 10, 2005, at 2:00 p.m. (EST). For further information and to register online, go to:
http://www.blackbaud.com/bb/PJ_plannedgiving_ADOL.asp.

Your Board and Fundraising. *The Foundation Center – Washington, DC* offers an introductory class for small nonprofits to think through the process of getting their boards involved with fundraising. This process involves key elements, such as: the role of your board; how to address board members' concerns about fundraising; ways the board can participate in the fundraising process; and tips for strengthening your fundraising board. This session will take place on February 17, 2005, 9:30-11:00 a.m., at the Foundation Center - Washington, DC, 1627 K Street, NW, Third Floor, Washington, DC. This program is offered free of charge. Space is limited. For further information, call (202) 331-1400; or go to:
<http://fdncenter.org/washington/ybfcd.html>.

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